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SUBJ: DECLARATION OF ILO AFRICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

1. ILO SECRETARIAT HAS PROVIDED US DRAFT TEXT (PARA 2 BELOW) OF "DECLARATION" TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONFERENCE OCTOBER 5 ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT GROUP. SECRETARIAT EXPECTS DRAFT WILL BE ADOPTED BY CONFERENCE WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT CHANGE.

2. DECLARATION QUOTE THE FIFTH AFRICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, MEETING IN ABIDJAN FROM 27 SEPTEMBER TO 6 OCTOBER 1977,

NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE ILO, ACTING IN FURTHERANCE OF ITS OBJECTIVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS TRIPARTITE NATURE, HAS ADOPTED OVER 300 CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AIMED AT IMPROVING WORKING AND LIVING CONDITIONS, EXPANDING EMPLOYMENT, WITH THE CONCERN OF REDUCING POVERTY AND SATISFYING BASIC

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NEEDS, AND PROMOTING FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS. THESE INSTRUMENTS ARE, IN ITS VIEW, AND IRREPLACEABLE AND INVALUABLE ASSET OF MANKIND IN SO FAR AS THEY EXPRESS ITS IDEALS.

IT AFFIRMS THAT THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE ORGANISATION TO THE GENERAL WELL-BEING, THROUGH THE CONTINUOUS AND CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL EFFORT WHICH IT IS CEASELESSLY PROMOTING, SHOULD BE PURSUED WITH THE CONSTANT SUPPORT OF ALL MEMBER STATES AND WITH

RESPECT FOR THE IDEALS OF THE ILO AND THE RULES OF LAW THEY HAVE FORGED TOGETHER.

THE CONFERENCE IS AWARE OF THE DIFFICULTIES THE ILO HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING IN RECENT YEARS. BUT IT CONSIDERS THAT THESE DIFFICULTIES SHOULD NOT BE SUCH AS TO RESTRICT THE EFFORTS OF THE ORGANISATION TO DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS. NEITHER SHOULD THEY AFFECT THE UNIVERSALITY OF THIS INSTITUTION, FOUNDED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF TRIPARTISM WHICH CONFERS ON IT ITS DEEPLY ORIGINAL CHARACTER TO WHICH ALL AFRICAN MEMBER STATES ARE STRONGLY ATTACHED.

DEEPLY CONCERNED AT THE PAUCITY OF THE RESULTS ACHIEVED IN THE REFORM OF THE STRUCTURES OF THE ORGANISATION OVER A PERIOD OF MORE THAN TEN YEARS, REAFFIRMS ITS STRONG CONCERN TO SEE THE ILO RAPIDLY ADAPT ITS STRUCTURES AND WORKING METHODS TO PRESENT-DAY REALITY IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ORDER.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, THE FIFTH AFRICAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION,

1. DECLARES THAT THE FULFILMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ILO SHOULD REMAIN A COMMON GOAL FOR ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE ORGANISATION, AS A MEANS OF ESTABLISHING A JUST AND STABLE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ORDER BOTH WITHIN AND AMONG STATES,
  2. CONSIDERS THAT TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS IT HAS BECOME NECESSARY TO ADAPT THE STRUCTURE AND WORKING METHODS OF THE ORGANISATION TO WORLD TRENDS,
  3. APEALS TO ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE ORGANISATION TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY AND FULLY IN ITS WORK IN ORDER TO PROMOTE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, IN PARTICULAR THROUGH THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS, THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR EMPLOYMENT PROMOTION AND WITH A VIEW TO SATISFYING BASIC NEEDS, IMPROVING LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS AND STRENGTHENING TRIPARTISM,
4. REAFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF TRIPARTISM AS A MEANS OF ENSURING THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANISATION CORRESPOND TO THE NEEDS AND HAVE THE SUPPORT OF ALL THE PRODUCTIVE FORCES OF SOCIETY,
  5. EARNESTLY REQUESTS THAT ALL ILO PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT IN FULL CONSULTATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS, EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS.

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